

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on April 2, 2007 at  
9 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 93, SB 33, SB 4, SB 8, SB 22, SB  
25, SB 37, SB 42, SB 64, SB 65, SB  
66, SB 68, SB 69, SB 75, SB 79, SB  
104, 3/30/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 93**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:27 Sen. Gerald Pease (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 93, Revise and fund service area authorities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:10 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program  
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph70a01)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:50 Rep. Ripley  
00:04:21 Sen. Pease  
00:05:03 Rep. Wells  
00:05:22 Sen. Pease  
00:08:45 Rep. Jayne  
00:10:24 Ms. Roessmann  
00:11:26 Rep. Beck  
00:12:07 Ms. Roessmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:16 Sen. Pease

**HEARING ON SB 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:28 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 33, Procedures governing social security numbers and computer security breaches.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:43 Steve Bender, Deputy Chief State Information Officer

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:59 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph70a02)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:06 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:25:48 Mr. Bender  
00:26:03 Rep. Sesso  
00:26:41 Sen. Steinbeisser  
00:27:10 Rep. Sesso  
00:28:45 Ms. Wood  
00:29:32 Rep. Beck  
00:31:50 Mr. Bender

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:18 Sen. Steinbeisser Rep. Milburn will carry.

**HEARING ON SB 4**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:08 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 4, Procurement rebate regulation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:44 Marvin Eicholtz, General Services Division

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:42 Sen. Harrington

**HEARING ON SB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:26 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 8, Independent staff for Board of Land Commissioners.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:42:02 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trusts and Lands Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:36 Rep. Jayne  
00:43:39 Sen. Shockley  
00:44:11 Mr. Schultz  
00:44:50 Rep. Ripley  
00:45:43 Sen. Shockley  
00:47:39 Mr. Schultz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:49 Sen. Shockley

**HEARING ON SB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:25 Sen. Dan Weinberg (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 22, Allow expansion of CHIP eligibility up to 175% of federal poverty level.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:39 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
00:58:09 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health  
00:59:20 Joy Brock, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
01:00:14 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network  
01:00:40 Clark Sowers, Student

**EXHIBIT (aph70a03)**

01:02:29 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

**EXHIBIT (aph70a04)**

01:04:25 Rep. Bill Jones  
01:05:42 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Providers Initiative Association  
01:06:02 Don Judge, Teamsters' Local 190, Montana Nurses' Association (MNA)  
01:07:03 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
01:07:36 John Flink, Montana Health Association (MHA)  
01:08:15 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Montana Association of Churches  
01:08:46 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO  
01:09:17 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

01:09:30 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals  
01:10:18 Sammie Butler, Intermountain Childrens' Home  
01:10:46 Scott Martin, University students associations

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:11:29 Rep. Ripley  
01:11:55 Sen. Weinberg  
01:13:01 Rep. Beck  
01:13:10 Sen. Weinberg  
01:13:50 Rep. Taylor  
01:14:19 Ms. Dalton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:12 Sen. Weinberg

**HEARING ON SB 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:17:48 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB  
25, Revise contract timber harvest laws.

**EXHIBIT**(aph70a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:19:49 Kathy Bramer, for Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Linda McCulloch, a member of the Land Board  
01:20:44 Tom Schultz, DNRC

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:10 Rep. Morgan  
01:23:58 Ms. Bramer  
01:24:35 Rep. Morgan  
01:25:19 Mr. Schultz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:07 Sen. Larson

**HEARING ON SB 37**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:57 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on  
SB 37, Revise deadline for submission of legislative  
budget.  
01:29:15 Rep. Taylor  
01:29:22 Mr. Moe

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:24 Rep. Jayne  
01:31:11 Sen. Gebhardt  
01:31:19 Mr. Moe  
01:31:35 Rep. Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:51 Sen. Gebhardt

**HEARING ON SB 42**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:17 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on  
SB 42, Revise economic development programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:33:32 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education  
01:35:29 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers'  
Association; President, Montana Ambassadors

**EXHIBIT (aph70a06)**

01:38:10 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics  
01:38:42 Dick King, CEO and President, Missoula Economic  
Developers

**EXHIBIT (aph70a07)**

01:40:13 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development  
Corporation

01:40:49 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunication Association

01:42:39 Deborah Hayden, Swift Current Ventures

**EXHIBIT (aph70a08)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:44:13 Rep. Morgan  
01:44:33 Rep. Ripley  
01:44:51 Rep. Morgan  
01:45:04 Rep. Ripley  
01:45:12 Rep. Musgrove

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:45:47 Sen. John Brueggeman  
[EXHIBIT \(aph70a09\)](#)

**HEARING ON SB 64**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:46:29 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 64,  
Increase membership in state group health insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:49:40 Connie Welsh, Administrator,

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:58:36 Rep. Jayne  
02:03:07 Sen. Cobb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:03:38 Sen. Cobb

**HEARING ON SB 65**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:05:47 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 65,  
Restrict transfers to health and medicaid initiatives  
account.

[EXHIBIT \(aph70a10\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:09:52 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:11:11 Sen. Cobb

**HEARING ON SB 104**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:11:34 Sen. Carolyn Squires (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on  
SB 104, Extend statute of limitations for certain sex  
crimes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:14:08 Tim Tatarka, Department of Justice

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:16:15 Rep. Jayne

02:16:44 Mr. Tatarka

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:17:01 Sen. Squires

**HEARING ON SB 66**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:17:52 Sen. David Wanzienried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on  
SB 66, Revise fiscal note laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:21:11 Sen. Wanzenried

**HEARING ON SB 68**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:21:38 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 68, Clarify confidentiality terms in private equity investments using public funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:25:26 Carroll South, Director, Montana Board of Investments  
02:30:19 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:31:44 Rep. Beck  
02:32:39 Mr. South  
02:33:09 Rep. Sesso  
02:34:31 Mr. South  
02:34:48 Rep. Jayne  
02:36:16 Mr. South  
02:37:00 Rep. Kasten  
02:37:31 Mr. South  
02:40:18 Rep. Sesso  
02:40:36 Mr. South  
02:41:47 Rep. Taylor  
02:43:03 Mr. South

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:44:19 Sen. Wanzenried

**HEARING ON SB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:46:07 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 69, Revise value-added loan program laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:48:40 Carroll South, Director, Montana Board of Investments  
**EXHIBIT**(aph70a11)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:54:16 Rep. Kasten  
02:55:59 Mr. South  
02:56:27 Rep. Sesso  
02:56:58 Mr. South  
02:57:40 Rep. Beck  
02:57:56 Mr. South

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:58:25 Sen. Wanzenreid

**HEARING ON SB 75**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:59:43 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 75, Revise administrative costs for trust land management.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:02:57 Tom Schultz, DNRC  
**EXHIBIT**(aph70a12)  
03:07:45 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education  
03:08:15 Kathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCulloch, Member of the Land Board  
03:09:25 Sen. Rick Laible, SD 44

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:10:59 Rep. Sesso

03:11:49 Sen. Hawks

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:12:13 Sen. Hawks

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph70aad.pdf](#))**